



Dear Parents, Carers and Family Members,

What a very busy week we have just experienced, and it appears next week is set to be even busier!

On Monday, I had the pleasure of attending a parish meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Maintaining close relationships with our parish community is essential for us as a school. It allows us to foster a supportive environment for our children, grounded in shared values and a sense of belonging. Additionally, our Class 4 children were engaged in Bikeability training, reinforcing crucial cycling skills and road safety awareness. Meanwhile, Classes 1 and 2 were brimming with enthusiasm as they embarked on their much-anticipated trip to the zoo. Several very happy, albeit tired, children returned from what turned out to be a truly special day. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff, volunteers, and parents who contributed to making this experience both memorable and enjoyable for our young learners.



Tuesday was yet another engaging day in our school calendar. Year 6 participated in their final transition day at Harwich and Dovercourt High School, marking an important milestone in their educational journey. Additionally, Class 4 engaged in an intriguing Sea Knot workshop, providing them with practical skills and knowledge. The whole school participated in a PTA treat, an Inflatable Day, which provided an opportunity for fun and laughter across all age groups - A big thank you to the PTA for organising this brilliant treat for the children. We concluded the day with an assembly focused on the Library Summer Reading Challenge, inspiring our children to immerse themselves in reading over the holidays.



Wednesday brought us the reserve Sports Day, rescheduled due to inclement weather the previous week. I was thrilled to see such an impressive turnout, and I must say, the sun blessed us with its presence! I offer my sincere apologies for not being as available as I had hoped during the event; however, I trust that everyone enjoyed the day filled with friendly competition and community spirit. Well done to everyone who participated in any event.

A big well done to the winning house - St. Andrews.

On Thursday, we had the privilege of witnessing our Class 1 and 2 celebrate their Key Stage 1 Summer Mass. A hearty congratulations is in order for all the young readers who participated; it was a truly lovely experience, and I extend my gratitude to everyone who attended in support. Furthermore, some of Class 4 completed their Swim Safe programme, equipping them with vital swimming skills and water confidence. Year 6 were in high spirits as they celebrated their Prom, an event made possible through the tireless efforts of the PTA. The children looked fantastic, and it was heartwarming to see them come together for this memorable occasion.



Friday wrapped up the week on a high note with the Wonderful Wings Rescue assembly. A heartfelt thank you to the team for bringing in the fascinating animals for our children to observe and learn about. I am also grateful to those who generously donated, allowing us to raise £52.00 for a commendable cause. Additionally, several Class 4 successfully completed their final Bikeability session, rounding off a week filled with achievements and new experiences.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be just as exhilarating:

On Monday, Class 4 will participate in a Shanty workshop, while some of our Year 1 and 2 children will be attending a Rugby tournament—a fantastic opportunity for them to engage in teamwork and sportsmanship.

Tuesday holds great significance for Class 1 as they partake in their final Beach Schools adventure. Class 4 will be engaging in their dress rehearsal for their upcoming play, and I would like to remind parents that the Class 4 children should return to school no earlier than 5:40pm for the evening performance, which is set to commence at 6pm.

Wednesday will feature Class 4's second performance at 2pm, offering yet another opportunity for our talented children to showcase their hard work and dedication.



Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	91.90%	87.62%	0
Class 2	96.54%	93.85%	2
Class 3	92.65%	93.24%	4
Class 4	91.76%	92.65%	4

On Thursday, Class 4 students will spend the day out at the Curve Water Activity Centre for their end-of-year trip. This excursion serves not only as a celebration of their year but also as a chance to forge lasting memories with their classmates.

Finally, Friday marks an emotional yet significant day. We will begin with our Leavers Mass at 10am at church, a time to reflect and celebrate the achievements of our departing students. The day will culminate in our Leavers Assembly at 1pm—please bring tissues, as it promises to be a heartfelt occasion. School will officially conclude at 2pm, marking the end of another academic year filled with learning, growth, and cherished moments.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in our school community. Let us make the most of the week ahead! Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Lincoln, Travis and Blake

Class 2: Jeremy and Violet

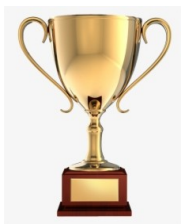
Class 3: Jaxx, Coen, Zachary,
Isaac and Aleks

Class 4: Ned, Ava and Effie

*District Sports, Bikeability and Swim Safe
certificates will be given out in class next week*

Whole School Attendance this week: 92.17%

Winning Class this week: Class 2 - 93.85%



**Winning House Team This Week:
ST DAVIDS—WELL DONE!!**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 14th July	Y1 + 2 Rugby at Mayflower (selected children)
Tues 15th July	Class 1 Beach Schools am 6pm Class 4 Play
Weds 16th July	2pm Class 4 Play
Thurs 17th July	Class 4 Trip
Fri 18th July	Last Day for Children, Leavers Mass 10am at Church Assembly 1pm School Finishes at 2pm
Weds 3rd September	First Day Back for Children
Tues 16th September	School Photos
Fri 26th September	MacMillan Cake Sale
Thurs 23rd October	Last Day for Children before Half Term
Fri 24th October	NON PUPIL DAY

2025/2026 Term Dates
are below.....

Week Beginning Monday 14th July

Week 3 of the menu.....

A reminder that Peri Peri Chicken is now BBQ Chicken

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**

Monday

**Meatballs with a choice
of sauces**

Served with Pasta

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Tuesday

Sausage Rolls

Served with diced potatoes and
sweetcorn

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Wednesday

Roast Gammon

served with roast potatoes, green
beans and broccoli

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Thursday

Peri Peri style Chicken

served with wedges and corn on
the cob

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Friday

Fish Finger Wrap

served with crispy chips and peas

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Available everyday

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and

Week 3

Menu

Fresh

All our food is
cooked fresh each
day

Healthy

Our pasta, rice and
breads are healthy
wholemeal products

Checked

We always use
reputable
suppliers and
where possible use
local produce

St Joseph's are occasionally asked to promote activities from local groups, such as the Swimming Pool, the Sports Hall, Church Groups etc....

Such activities are not quality assured by the school and parents should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at inspection reports etc.

Our website can be accessed at

<https://www.st-josephs->

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Term and Holiday - Academic Year 2025-2026

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	= Schooldays		= School holidays		= Bank holidays
	= Weekends				
	= Non Pupil days				

schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated,
or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		<u>195 days</u>

Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

Kid Around

It's about being a parent where you live!

**SCHOOL'S
OUT**

**DIARY
DATES**

**SUMMER
FUN DAYS
OUT**

Summer Issue 25

Summer is here - and so is our jam-packed issue full of sunshine, smiles, and inspiration for every member of the family.

Whether you are planning fun-filled days out, looking for creative ways to keep the kids entertained, or just want to make the most of those long summer evenings, we've got you covered.

Click this link to read: <https://anyflip.com/btwyj/gdmd/>

SUMMER TERM

THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Braintree, Hockley, Tiptree and Chipping Ongar

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



In Partnership with





Harwich Library

Tuesday 8 July & Tuesday 22 July, 11am-12noon

Supported by Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service

A fun, relaxed session for families with children starting school in September. Meet up, chat, enjoy a storytime and get some great starting school tips.



libraries.essex.gov.uk





The Active
Wellbeing Society

Tuesdays and
Thursdays
9.00-12.00

Karen Stimpson



New Share Shack

Our Share Shack is a library of things that can
borrowed free of charge, for up to 2 weeks

We have a selection of toys and games, outdoor
games inc. volleyball, table tennis, tennis, boules,
archery kits,

A good selection of jigsaw puzzles to cover all
ages

also: gardening hand tools

DIY equipment coming soon

we are growing our stock daily -
come and have a look

based at Essex Pedal Power Office,
Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre,
Main Road, Dovercourt. CO12 4AJ





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FREE



SUMMER FUN



JOIN US IN ACL CLACTON

30/07/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

06/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

13/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

20/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

**WANT TO SIGN UP?
ACLESSEX.COM/FAMILY LEARNING
OR VIA THE QR CODE**



**COMMUNITY &
FAMILY LEARNING**





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Essex ActivAte holiday club spaces are live to book!

Free spaces for eligible children can be booked
with their emailed HolidayActivities voucher code

#HAF2025



Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Saturday 19 July to Saturday 6 September

**At your local Essex library or mobile library -
see libraries.essex.gov.uk for library opening times**



Supporting public learning
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

The Old Knobbly

Children's 2k Charity Fun Run

Sunday 10th August 2025

Are you age 8-11 years
Then join us at the Family Fun Day at:
Furze Hill Mistley CO11 1HS
If you would like to dress up for the fun run feel
free to do so.

Registration is from 8.30am with a £5.00 entry.

The Children's Race starts at 10.30am.

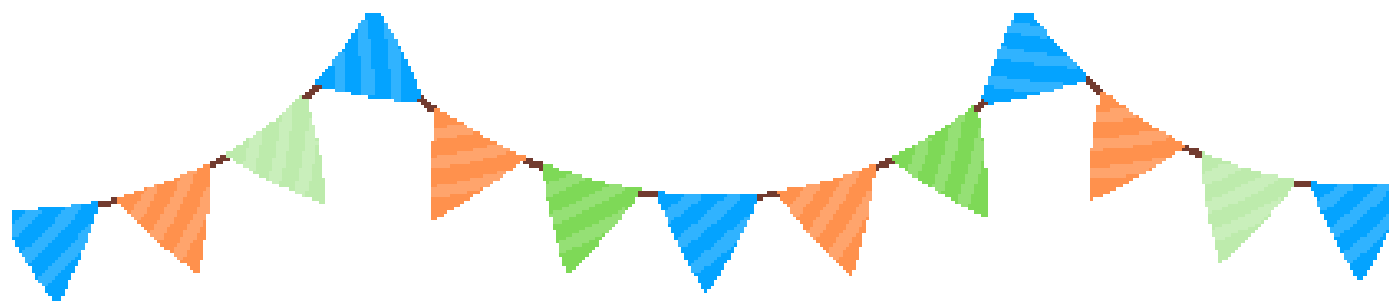
All money raised by the children's
event will go to Children in Need.

Those children who would like to raise more
money please feel free to seek sponsorship.

To register and for more information go to:
<https://www.evententry.co.uk/the-mayflower-10k-5k-run>

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COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING FAIR

Hosted by Tendring PCN in collaboration with
Mayflower Medical Centre

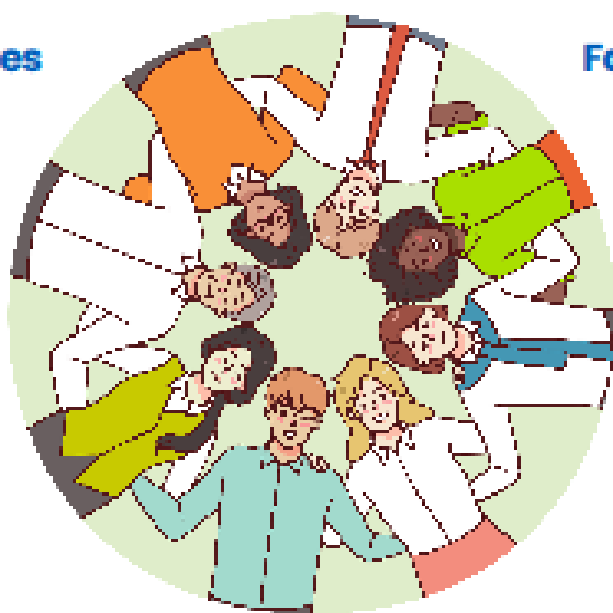
PARK PAVILLION, BARRACK LN, HARWICH CO12 3NS

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2025 10AM – 1PM

Screening Services

Mental Health
Support

Extended GP
Practice Staff



Family and Carers
Support

Long Term
Conditions

Local Charities

